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The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

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TTD Commission Supports Perez Scholarship Fund



Spc. Wilfredo Perez, Jr.

At Norwalk High School, Jr. was a member of Junior ROTC and a peer counselor helping kids in dispute work things out. And it's at Norwalk High where a scholarship fund was established in Jr.'s name and honor. "That's where this money goes: this year we will award a \$5,000 college scholarship as a financial lift to a deserving student towards achieving their goals and dreams. Another smile on someone's face thanks to Jr. That's why your participation is so deeply appreciated," says Wilfredo's father.

This June 6, 2005, The John M. Glover Insurance Agency is hosting the Second Annual Wilfredo Perez, Jr. Golf Classic to help make the scholarship possible. For more information to those interested, go to:

www.perezjr scholarship.org.

For the non-golfers amongst us who would like to personally share in the memorializing of Pfc. Wilfredo Perez, Jr. by donating to this scholarship fund, you may do so by sending your tax-deductible contribution to the:

Perez Jr. Scholarship Fund,
17 Pine Hill Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06855

You may also put a check in your envelope when you pay your electric bill.

Wilfredo's father says: "This scholarship will be given to a deserving, hard-working senior who may have struggled through school but also understood the importance of their education."

Upcoming Events

- May 9th TTD Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm at Van Zilen Hall 51 Van Zant Street
- May 23rd TTD Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm at Van Zilen Hall 51 Van Zant Street
- June 6th Alfredo Perez, Jr. Scholarship Golf Classic Oak Hills
- June 21st BLOOD DRIVE at Van Zilen Hall 51 Van Zant Street

July 26th, 2005, will mark the second anniversary of the tragic loss of Wilfredo Perez, Jr., whose family resides in East Norwalk. He was tragically killed in Iraq along with two other soldiers while guarding a children's hospital.

His father, Wilfredo, Sr. has asked this newsletter to help remind our East Norwalk community of the second annual Wilfredo Perez, Jr. Scholarship Fund drive.

Jr., as his friends and comrades called him, was selflessly devoted to his family. His last letter from Iraq arrived the day after his family learned that he'd lost his life in the line of duty on July 26, 2003. While crouched in a Humvee writing to Joseph, his 15-year-old stepbrother, Jr. wrote and told him that he should "finish school" to be able to take care of himself and "be the man."

American Red Cross Blood Drive on June 21st, 2005 at the East Norwalk Library

Business of the Month



Located at 219 Liberty Square, across the street from Veterans Park, Select Plastics has been serving the national boating community since 1994.

Located in the old ACE AUTO Parts building across from Veteran's Park in Historic Liberty Square, Select Plastics LLC services the national boating community through production and repair of plastic marine related parts.

The business is run by Bill Pavlik, who is an avid fisherman and is in charge of design and production, and Tony D'Andrea, who is a part time lobsterman and handles sales and marketing.

"East Norwalk, with its water access and wonderful neighbors, has been a

great fit for Select Plastics. Customers can actually pull up to the municipal dock and drop off parts while enjoying a sandwich in SoNo. How does it get any better than that?" says Pavlik.

Bill and Tony have made an investment in East Norwalk by acquiring and repairing the building they currently occupy and by planting and maintaining a small park next to their facility. They also volunteer a lot of their time with many City Commissions.

The store is closed Sundays, but stop by anytime, Monday – Friday 8:30 to 6:00, Sat 10:00 to 3:00, and see why Select is called "The Fantastic Plastic Place"

"Our business motto is "Even the impossible is possible, it just takes a few days." says D'Andrea.

Good News From Hartford

Thanks to personal appearances by General Manager George Leary and Commissioner David Brown at a February 28th hearing before the Connecticut Judicial Committee in Hartford, the District may be reimbursed \$38,783.51 paid to CL&P for damage done to our main feed across I95 by contractors hired by the Connecticut DOT.

Mainly through the efforts of State Representative Chris Perone who had to write and present a "Special Act" bill to the Judiciary Committee requesting that Connecticut's time restriction of a one year window for billing be waived to allow the TTD to submit a bill.

The problem started when the contractor hired by the State DOT jack hammered into the power lines that feed the district from CL&P. Although clearly marked with red paint and Call Before You Dig signage, the DOT's contractor severed the feed causing a District wide outage. CL&P had to be called immediately to do an emergency repair.

After six months we finally received CL&P's bill for \$38,783.51 and passed the bill on to the DOT's contractor. Eventually the contractor made an issue that the DOT was responsible for the bill, not them. By the time we found out the proper agency that should be billed, a statute of limitations for the State receiving bills had run out.

Senator Bob Duff also made an appearance before the Judicial Committee and State Representative Larry Cafero, who sits on the Judicial Committee, also spoke in our behalf. Thanks to our Senator and our two State Representatives for their help in making this refund possible. However, there has to be a special word of thanks to Chris Perone who not only researched how to present our claim, but took the time to write the "Special Act" and to sit next to us the entire day to offer his testimony on our behalf.

TTD Commissioners Donate Truck for City-Wide Cleanup



Part of the large contingent of volunteers who gave up their Saturday to participate with the City-Wide Cleanup Day include Wendye Pardue and Laurel Lindstrom from the East Norwalk Neighborhood Association. Their many bags of refuse came from Constitution Park near the Strofollino Bridge.



Also taking part in the Cleanup were East Norwalk Improvement Association member Pam Parkington, kneeling at right with "Jeter" and other "dog walkers" who say they continually clean up at Taylor Farms Park. Standing at rear center, holding a shovel is David Shockly, the coordinator of the City's Cleanup.

Hundreds of volunteers participated in the Citywide Cleanup Day on April 30th. Some of the areas targeted in East Norwalk were Taylor Farm, Mill Pond, and Constitution Park. The TTD did its part in donating their rack body truck to aid in picking up the many trash bags filled by the volunteers and taking them to the transfer station. Saturday was the first Cleanup Day in Norwalk and all the volunteers hope it will not be the last.